causes and the damage done by it so far;

(c) what are the names of the localities affected by sea pollution in Bombay; and

(d) what are the details of the remedial steps being taken in the matter?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI): (a) to (c) According to the studies conducted by the national Institute of Oceanography, the marine water quality in certain areas, specially in the creeks like Thane and Mahim is polluted. It is primarily due to discharge of untreated/ partially treated domestic and industrial effluents resulting in the decrease of Dissolved Oxygen (DO) and increase of Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) which have adversely affected the aquatic life.

(d) The steps taken include:—

A Sewerage Scheme being undertaken by the Municipal Corporation of Greater Bombay for collection and treatment of domestic Sewage before its discharge in the sea|Coastal water; and

The industries are persuaded to instal waste treatment facilities and legal action is being taken against the defaulting units.

Vacant Posts of Teachers in Ordnance Factory College at Muradnagar

*235. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Fill the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some posts of teachers have been lying vacant in Ordnance Factory Inter-College, Muradnagar, Uttar Pradesh, for the last two years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the authorities had completed all the formalities for the selection of candidates for the posts but the posts were not filled up; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefore and what action is contemplated to fiill in the posts and avoid further loss to the students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND DEFENCE SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) In Higher Secondary School, Ordnance Factory Muradnagar (Uttar Pradesh), which is referred to as "Inter College", one post of Teacher in the Higher Secondary section and two posts of Teachers in the High School section have been lying vacant for the last two years.

All the three posts are reserved for Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe candidates. Though the selection for the three posts had been made in January 1984, from amongst general candidates, offers of appointment could not be made pending dereservation of the posts. Further, the Allahabad High Court granted a stay in March 1984, against appointing the candidates selected against the post in the Higher Secondary Section.

By internal arrangement it has been ensured that there is no loss to the students.

Utilisation of fund for creation of posts by the Union Territories

*236. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the funds which have been allotted to the Union Territories for creation of posts have been utilised for different purposes, since there is ban on recruitment imposed by the Central Government;

(b) if so, what was the amount allocated for the post three years to the Union Territories for creation of posts;

(c) whether the Union Territories have obtained permission to utilise the money which was not spent for creation of posts in those years; and

(d) if not, what action the Central Government have taken against the erring Union Territory administrations?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (c) The assumption of the Hon'ble Member is not correct that there is a complete ban on recruitment of posts. A number of posts have been created in various Union Territories on the basis of guidelines issued by the Ministry of Finance with the approval of the competent authority after the ban order issued by the Ministry of Finance. There is no earmarked allocation to UTs for creation of posts. Union Territories obtain permission to utilise funds from one head of account to another head of account by way of re-appropreation if due to any unforeseen reasons the funds are not utilised in a particular head of account.

(d) Ministry of Finance have issued guidelines regarding proper utilisation of funds and manner of re-appropriation and the Union Territories have been following these instructions.

Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension cases

*237. SHRI M. S. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension sanctioned in the year 1985;

(b) the number of applications still pending;

(c) the number of applications received for pension from freedom-fighters who had gone under-ground; and

(d) the number of cases sanctioned and rejected till 31st March, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (d) During the year 1985, pension has been sanctioned in 5478 cases. 72.082 applications are pending finalisation due to various reasons as on 31st March, 1986. Category-wise records of applications are not maintained by the Ministry. Out of 4,36,568 applications received under Freedom Fighters Pension Scheme, 1972 and Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980, 1,38,352 cases have been sanctioned and 2,26,134 cases have been rejected due to various reasons till 31st March, 1986.

Individual forest plantation drive in Arunachal Pradesh

*238. SHRIMATI OMEM MOYONG DEORI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to encourage individual forest plantation drive in Arunachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI): (a) and (b) With the establishment of the National Wastelands Development Board, the afforestation programme in the country now lays major emphasis on people's involvement. The National Land Use and Wastelands Development Council in its first meeting on 6th February, 1986, *inter alia* took the following decisions in order to promote people's involvement:—

1. Seedlings should be raised through people's nurseries, i.e. kisans, schools, women and youth groups.

2. Farmers should be encouraged to plant saplings on their field bunds/farms.

3. Tree Growers' Cooperatives must be promoted.

4. A Tree Patta Scheme should be formulated for enabling the landless to raise trees on Government/community lands.